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The Honorable Andre M. Davis  
United States District Judge  
United States Court for the District of Maryland  
Garmatz Courthouse  
101 W Lombard St., Room 530  
Baltimore, MD 21201

*Re: Russian Research Center, The Kurchatov Institute v.  
Western Services Corp., et al., No. AMD 02-3878*

Dear Judge Davis:

We respectfully request that the Court refrain from deciding Kurchatov's Motion to Compel until the parties have had the opportunity to meet and confer pursuant to Local Rule 104.8(b). The parties could not resolve all issues prior to Western Services Corporation filing its Opposition, but we remain hopeful that many, if not all, the issues can be resolved now that Kurchatov's motion is fully briefed. We have asked Kurchatov's counsel for the opportunity to engage in such a meet and confer, and believe it would be premature for the Court to decide the Motion prior to the parties attempting to resolve the outstanding issues pursuant to the Local Rules.

Very truly yours,

/s/

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